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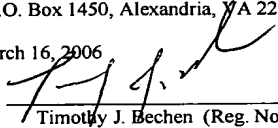
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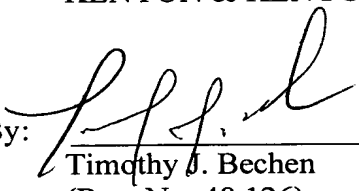
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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. For the following reasons, Applicants submit the presently pending claims are allowable in view of the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request passage of these pending claims to issuance.

**Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

Claims 1-23 current stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,141,653 issued to Conklin et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Conklin"). This rejection is improper because Conklin fails to identically disclose each and every claimed limitation of claims 1-23.

Claims 1-23 are generally directed to a system for facilitating a transaction in good and or services. Among other limitations, claims 1, 4, 14-15, 17-20 and 22-23, recite "receiving and storing electronic evidence that the seller has performed in connection with fulfilling the seller's obligations as defined by the purchase order agreement" and